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Fort Hall Kikuyu told the 1929 Committee that there were no Dorobo there when their forefathers first arrived, but we have every reason to believe that to have been a political lie. There are certainly Dorobo or part-Dorobo in the District now, and we may take it as reasonably certain that there were Dorobo in all three districts of Kikuyu proper when the Kikuyu first entered them. We can also believe that the first Kikuyu immigrants into Fort Hall and Nyeri were still to a very large extent in the hunting stage of culture; there is a definite tradition to that effect and there appears to be no political reason why the Kikuyu should invent it. There were therefore different degrees of difference between the occupants and the immigrants in the two cases (North of the Chania and South of the Chania) in accordance with the nutritional aspects of their cultures. In Metume the occupants would be impinged upon by people very like themselves who wanted a share in the seemingly illimitable forest hunting-grounds; in Karura the occupants would be impinged upon by a people very unlike themselves whose mode of life would mean eventually a serious diminution in the type of land where they could practice theirs. It cannot be supposed that the Kiambu Dorobo were ignorant of this. They must have known that happened in Fort Hall, and probably among them were some of those (or some of their descendants) who had been ejected from the northern districts whether forcibly or by chicanery or simply by increasing economic pressure; there was almost certainly a southward crossing of the Chania by Dorobo families before the first Kikuyu crossing started (1). The Dorobo must have

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1. The Keriita Dorobo told me that they had no intercourse with the Dorobo north of the Chania, the "Dorobo of Karuri" or "Nguchuri" or "Tongiik" as they call them. They explained, however, that they meant they have no intercourse now, the northern Dorobo being, to them, so Kikuyu-ised as to be Kikuyu. Formerly Dorobo from the north had crossed the Chania and settled south of it.

had, if not a first-hand knowledge, at least a tribal memory of expulsion from their northern happy hunting-grounds by hordes of aliens who, starting as small bands of friendly strangers, hunters like